



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Stormwater Improvements & Flood Prevention in Historic Downtown in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of St. Cloud, located at 1309 9th Street, St. Cloud, FL 34769.

The funding would be used to upgrade flooding mitigation infrastructure in a historic area of our downtown St. Cloud within a HUD designated CDBG Program area. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will prevent economic losses, damage and repair costs that stem from flooding. Reduced damage should lead to fewer or less costly claims for the National Flood Insurance Program.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and 42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darren Soto".

Darren Soto
Member of Congress